

GRAINS OF ALL KINDS CONTINUE TO WEAKEN —AGAIN CLOSED LOWER.

**WHEAT EXHIBITED WEAKNESS
FROM START, LOSING GROUND
RAPIDLY ALL DAY.**

CLOSING LARGELY LOWER.

**CORN HELD UP BY CARGO SHIPS
FOR A WHILE, BUT LATER
WEAKENED OVER.**

DATES DULL AND LOWER.

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The events of the day in speculative markets were much more favorable to market interests than in values, rather than an enhancement. The different markets as a rule were quiet, and as far as some considerable time past, of a professional character, while the undercurrent was weak and the influence of prices for the most part was in a downward direction, with the result that closing transactions reflected no facilities for the day. There was only one exception to this rule, and that was afforded by corn, which during a large part of the day exhibited unmistakable signs of strength. This strength was a feature for some little time after the situation opened, but market influences were entirely too great to be sustained, and it followed the example of other markets and closed at a loss for the day. Wheat, however, showed up worse than anything else in the grain field, and probably did as much, if not more, to drag down other markets as anything of a heavy nature received, the decline in that market being over 1 cent, which was the most emphatic loss so far undergone during the week.

There was a light trade today in wheat all through the session, which was closely confined to speculators, who appeared to be bearish. The market exhibited no evidence of strength during the day, and was essentially flat, and distinguished itself by getting down to 6¢ for the May option, while closing but little better than the opening price for the May option, when the above named option managed to touch 6¢, thus making the difference between top and bottom prices 5¢, which is the highest decline that grain has undergone since prices commenced to let down. There were few sustaining influences, even though at any time today, and none that were strong enough to sustain. Among the most impressive of market influences was that of the Argentine shipments of 2,000,000 bu., which were received right at the opening, and said to be the largest amount ever sent off at this season in one week. These transports not only affected the market, but also had a decided influence on the market, as well. Liverpool showing a decline of 1 cent, and the market was on the decline.

Wheat closed at 60¢ per bu., and was 6¢ lower than at the close of yesterday.

Prices on Change.

The following tables show the change of prices in wheat and corn.

Wheat.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.

Baltimore, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.

New York, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.

Portland, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.

Seattle, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.

Portland, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.

Montgomery, Feb. 23.—Wheat, 6¢ lower.